

01/20/04

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Application Number

Filing Date

January 20, 2004

First Named Inventor

M N. Vyakarnam

Group Art Unit

3738

Examiner Name

Attorney Docket Number

ETH1607-DIV

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document mm-dd-yyyy	Pages, Columns, Lines, where relevant passages or relevant figures appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
GRK		4,587,355	A	Shalaby	10/14/1997	
GRK		5,468,253	A	Bezuda	11/21/1995	
GRK		4,188,448		John H. Brekke	02/05/1980	
GRK		5,133,755		John H. Brekke	07/28/1992	
GRK		5,514,378		Antonios G. Mikos, et al.	05/07/1996	
GRK		5,522,895		Antonios G. Mikos	06/04/1996	
GRK		5,607,474		Kyriacos A. Athanasiou, et al.	03/04/1997	
GRK		5,688,091		Kam W. Leong, et al.	11/11/1997	
GRK		5,711,960		Yasuo Shikinami	01/27/1998	
GRK		5,716,413		Mary Ann Walter, et al.	02/10/1998	
GRK		5,755,792		John H. Brekke	05/26/1998	
GRK		5,769,899		Robert Elliott Schwartz, et al.	06/23/1998	
GRK		5,770,193		Joseph P. Vacanti, et al.	06/23/1998	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document mm-dd-yyyy	Pages, Columns, Lines, where relevant passages or relevant figures appear	T ³
		Office ²	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵				
GRK		EP	0 714 666	A	Ethicon, Inc.	08/05/1998		
GRK		WO	01 02033	A	Ethicon, Inc.	01/11/2001		
GRK		EP	02 74898	A2	Ethicon, Inc.	07/20/1988		

Examiner Signature	KUHNS	Date Considered	3-29-06
-----------------------	-------	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. ⁶ If possible, Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Application Number	
Filing Date	January 20, 2004
First Named Inventor	M N. Vyakarnam
Group Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	ETH-1607-DIV

[illegible]

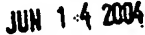
Examiner Signature	KUHNS	Date Considered	3-29-06
-----------------------	-------	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Unique citation designation number. 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form ~~1219A~~ PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Application Number	10/761,061
Filing Date	01/20/2004
First Named Inventor	M. N. Vyakamam
Group Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	ETH1607 DIV

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

KUHNS

3-29-06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Unique citation designation number. 2 See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**